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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FOR U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICER TO TRAVEL
TO SYRIA ON SAUDI TRAINING FLIGHT

REF: JIDDA 3060

1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO LT. COL. HOWARD LEDD
ACCOMPANYING SAUDI C-130 TRAINING FLIGHTS JIDDA-DAMASCUS.
HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF FACT SAG INITIATED REQUEST AND TO
ENHANCE POSSIBILITY SARG CONCURRENCE, WE BELIEVE IT
PREFERABLE THAT APPROACH TOHSARG COME FROM SAUDIS AND
THAT SYRIANS HAVE NO GROUNDS TO SUSPECT LT. COL. LEDD
MIGHT BE CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH EMBASSY DAMASCUS OPERATIONS.
THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY TRUE IF TRAINING FLIGHTS USE
MILITARY AIRFIELDS ABOUT WHICH SYRIANS HYPERSENSITIVE.

2. AS LONG AS DESTINATION IN SYRIA IS DAMASCUS
INTERNATIONAL AND NOT RPT NOT MEZZE OR OTHER MILITARY
AIRPORTS, WE BELIEVE EXISTENCE OF LEDD'S NAME ON
FLIGHT PLAN WILL BE SUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION TO
SARG OF HIS PLANNED ARRIVAL.
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